Financing of India's Power Projects by IFC

1128. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Finance Corporation, the private sector affiliate of the World Bank, has agreed to finance India's power projects;

(b) if so, what is the total aid that will be provided by the IFC for power sector in India;

(c) what are the names of the projects that will be undertaken with this amount; and

(d) what are the places where these power projects are to be set up and to what extent power production is likely to increase as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The International Finance Corporation has approved two loans to private sector companies in the power sector as under:—

S. No.	Company	Loan Amount	Project description
1.	Ahmedabad Electricity Co. Ltd., Ahmedabad.	$ 10 m. and SwFr. 16 m.	For setting up a 100 MW gas based combined cycle power plant to be located at Vatwa near Ahmedabad.
2.	Tata Electric Companies, Bombay	Sw.Fr. 60 million	Modernization and reinforcement of sub-stations of Salsette, Dharavi and Grant Road and associated transmission lines located in the Bombay area.

Granting of Additional Licensing facilities for Import of Raw Jute

1129. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering granting of additional licensing facilities for the import of raw jute by the industries to fulfil their export commitments; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir. However Advance Licence Scheme for import of raw jute against exports has been introduced recently.

(b) Does not arise.

Submergence of Forest Area by the proposed Indira Sagar Project

1130. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any compensatory afforestation programme is being taken up in the three districts of Khandwa, Hoshangabad and Dewas in the State of Madhya Pradesh in view of the possible submergence of the forest area due to the proposed Indira Sagar Project in Khandwa district;

(b) what is the total area which will be submerged by the execution of the Project;

(c) whether any norms have been fixed by the Central Government regarding compensatory afforestation; and

(d) what will be the total number of families to be affected thereby and what compensation has been or is being provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The Indira Sagar Project will submerge a total area of 91,348 ha. This project involves diversion of 41,111.8 ha. of forest land due to submergence as well as construction works. The proposed compensatory afforestation programme covers also the districts of Khandwa, Hoshangabad and Dewas.

(c) Yes, Sir. Norms laid down for compensatory afforestation are:

—Compensatory afforestation to be raised over equivalent non-forest land or;

—Compensatory plantation to be raised over degraded forest land twice in extent of the area being diverted, if non forest land is not available.

(d) A population of 1,29,396 from 254 villages will be affected. The compensation proposed to be paid includes:

—Allotment of land for land or a minimum of 2 ha. of land to all the families whose land would be acquired;

—A rehabilitation grant @ Rs. 6400 per family;

—Assistance for the transportation of the families to the relocation sites. In case the transportation facility is not availed, the family shall be entitled to a lump sum grant of Rs. 500.

—Allotment of plots for their dwelling units both to the rural and urban oustees;

—Civic amenities would be provided at project cost in the new settlements; and

—Arrangements for providing vocational training so that the affected persons can be gainfully employed.

Steps to check non-Plan expenditure

1131. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what fresh steps Government have taken to check non-Plan expenditure in Governmnet departments and on air travel by senior officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K GADHVI): Non-Plan Budgets of the Departments are very carefully scrutinised and only minimum necessary provision is allowed. Ministries have strict intructions to exercie economy in expenditure on travel especially foreign travel, furnishings, fuel expenses, printing, dinners publicity, seminars, exhibitions, conferences, etc. By and large additional provisions are not allowed unless these are matched by corresponding savings or improved receipts.

Ministries have been instructed this year to prepare quarterly budgets and monitor the progress of expenditure with reference to quarterly allocations. It has been impressed on them that the expenditure should not be allowed to exceed quarterly allocations. Also this year the Ministries have been asked to withhold 5 per cent of the total budget provision with themselves without allocating it to the spending authorities pending mid term review. These apply to non-Plan expenditure also.

Implementation of Flexible Complementing Scheme for the Scientists

1132. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Flexible Complementing Scheme for the scientists has been implemented in his Ministry: